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## Upcoming events

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### Rosson's Roundup

Congratulations to Jug Capps who received the Association of Former Students Teaching Award on Monday. Great job Jug, and thanks for all of your contributions to our students!!

Last Friday's GSA sponsored Symposium for Agricultural and Applied Economics Research was a huge success by any measure. More than 100 students, faculty, staff, and former students attended the event. Thanks to Erin Hardin and Kyle Binder for organizing and orchestrating the symposium-it was so successful that Justin Benavidez had to leave at noon to pick-up 10 pizzas to feed the overflow crowd! Thanks also to Pei Huang, Phil Xu, Junyi Chen, Ruoxi Lu, and Wen Zheng for making excellent presentations of their research projects. Also thanks to Rich Woodward and Yvette Zhang for discussing their research and to Luis Ribera for providing an overview of his research and extension programs. The Department is very appreciative for the insights shared by Jimmy Dodson, Ty Timm Registry Member, and Troy Thompson, Ty Timm Honor Registry Inductee, as well as Henry Kinnucan's keynote address.

Thanks also to Nathan Harness for organizing and hosting the national conference on Enhancing Diversity in Financial Planning. Eighteen universities from across the country attended, along with more than 40 students, so this event was a huge success. It was great to have Charles Chaffin, Director of the CFP Board, to open the conference, but also to see the progress that we have made in the Department. He, the industry representatives and other universities were very complementary of the conference and the program. Thanks to Nathan, Gene Nelson, and Jeanie Izurieta for doing a great job.

Saturday we had 65 students, families, faculty and staff at the Spring Awards Luncheon. Thanks to the Undergraduate Office for hosting this event. Donna Chester, Donna Adcock, and Fred Boadu did a great job. Dr. Doug Steele gave an inspirational send-off to our students, challenging them to maintain the core values of Texas A&M and cautioning them about the pitfalls of too much social media- a very appropriate message. Kristen Allbright, Mariel Braun, Mariah Bryan, Logan Cline, Kenneth Closs Jr., Jeannette Del Bosque, Peyton Gilbert, Daylon Koster, Brooke Kosub, Kasey Kram, Preston Sturdivant, and Chandel Taylor all received awards at this year's Awards luncheon. Congrats to them for their hard work in their undergraduate studies.

On Wednesday I met with Jason Fearnelyhough, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, and Patrick Dudley, Policy Specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture, to discuss what we do and what their interests are. I expect to hear more from them after the session is over and hope to have some 'opportunities' to work closely with TDA in the future.

Thursday was the symposium on the Nexus of Food and Nutrition Security, Sustainability, and Hunger. Per Pinstrup – Andersen, Professor at Emeritus at Cornell University, was one of the keynote speakers, and did a great job of providing the economic constructs affecting this issue. He was followed by Suresh Babu, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Capacity Strengthening at the International Food Policy Research Institute, who discussed the policy setting. Ed Price moderated the final panel and gave an excellent overview of what the Conflict and Development Center is doing to mitigate some of the poverty and food security issues affecting several countries. The event was sponsored by the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center and directed by Bhimu Patil-thanks for a great program and lineup of speakers.

We are approaching finals, so crunch time begins. Please note the timelines for grade submissions that were sent out by Fred Boadu this week. They are critically important.

Enjoy the great Spring weekend!!

Next week starts:

# Finals Week!

[May 7-12th]

Tuesday is redefined class day and Wednesday is reading day.

Good luck to everyone taking finals!

Finish the semester strong!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| Loren Burns      | 5/2  |
| Gary Williams    | 5/6  |
| Donna Adcock     | 5/13 |
| Donna Chester    | 5/20 |
| David Anderson   | 5/23 |
| Shahriar Kibriua | 5/27 |



Department of AGECO welcomes

## Amy Connally

As the new undergraduate advisor



## Position Announcements

### Faculty Positions

The Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India (IIMA) is looking for suitable candidates for faculty positions at the Centre. The Institute has been consistently ranked the no. 1 business school in India. It was started in 1961 by the Government of India in collaboration with the Harvard Business School to impart management education in the country. In recent years it has been ranked among the top 40 in the world. Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA) Contact Vasante Gandhi for more information. email: [chr-cma@iimahd.ernet.in](mailto:chr-cma@iimahd.ernet.in) Tel. 91-79-66324650, 66324651 (CMA Office)

### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE) University of Georgia, Title:** Assistant Professor

**Appointment:** Full time, tenure track, 12-month appointment, extension (85%/teaching (15%) or a negotiated extension/research /teaching split with not less than 67% being extension. This position is located on the UGA Tifton Campus in Tifton, GA.

**General Duties and Responsibilities:** The successful candidate is expected to work closely with other extension and research faculty from the department and other units within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to deliver a nationally recognized extension program in meat animal and forage industries with primary emphasis on beef cattle and forages. This Extension program should address current and emerging state and national issues related primarily to production economics, marketing, trade and policy. The faculty member will provide valuable subject matter support to county Extension agents, producers, allied industry professionals, and others involved in the production and support of beef cattle and forage. Examples of specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to: providing timely market information to county agents and producers, conducting county agent in-service trainings, developing and updating enterprise budgets, and conducting economic analyses of different management and marketing alternatives. Participating in county programs and working closely with county agents is also expected. Communication of applied research results relevant to Georgia's livestock industry through appropriate refereed applied economics, animal science and interdisciplinary journals and peer-reviewed extension bulletins is expected, as well as providing expertise to policy makers, industry and other constituents. Teaching responsibilities include one undergraduate class per year in farm/ranch management, agribusiness management, or marketing, along with some academic advising. There is also an expectation of securing external funding to support programs and applied research. Working with graduate students (primarily, but not limited to, MS and MAB students) in the department is expected.

**Qualifications:** A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a closely-related field is required with strong knowledge of economic theory and quantitative methods, willingness to work in a team environment and excellent oral and written communication skills in the English language. A working knowledge of US and southeastern agriculture is highly-desirable but not required. The hiring rank will be Assistant Professor and based on the successful candidate's experience and track record.

**About the Tifton Campus and Department:** The UGA Tifton Campus is world renowned for research and extension programs related to agronomic crops, turf grasses, forages, beef, and dairy cattle. There are over 350 faculty and staff members at the campus with an additional 95 at the co-located USDA-ARS station. The AAE department has a total of 27 faculty positions, of which five are in Tifton. Additional information is provided via links from this webpage: <http://www.caes.uga.edu/campus/tifton/>.

**Application Materials:** (1) a letter of application including a description of academic qualifications and experience; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) evidence of extension, teaching, and research experience (if any); (4) graduate school transcripts; and (5) names and contact information for three professional references. To apply, please send materials directly to Dr. Esendugue Greg Fonsah, Professor and Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, 2360 Rainwater Road, Tifton, GA 31793. Phone: 229-386-3512. Email: [gfonshah@uga.edu](mailto:gfonshah@uga.edu) Electronic/email submission of applications is preferred, but not required.

**Closing Date:** Review of applications will begin on August 15, 2015 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

**Expected Start Date:** Negotiable on or after January 04, 2016.

*The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status.*

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to [valnoyes@tamu.edu](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)